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REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, INCIDENTS OF 16 FEB

Taleqani Will Not Interfere

LD161440 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0932 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In the name of God almighty, here is an announcement for all our dear countrymen from Ayatollah Taleqani:

Because as a matter of principle, and also from my own inclination, I do not wish to interfere in the dismissal and appointment of government officials, nor issue any recommendation in this respect; and because of my special regard for the provisional government of Mehdi Bazargan, my friend and colleague for 40 years who has been delegated in office by Imam Khomeyni and the Revolution Council, so that the hands of his government may be left open in every respect please avoid all forms of approach to me in connection with this matter. [passage indistinct] Peace be upon you and may God have mercy upon you.

[Signed] Seyyed Mahmud Taleqani.

Imam Controls Bandar-e Anzali

LD161645 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1300 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Esteemed citizens of Bandar-e Anzali, here is a message from the Imam Khomeyni:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate: To his excellency the Shaykh al-Islam Mr Hajj Seyyed Mohammad Javad Pishva'i, the congregation imam of the great mosque of Anzali, may God's support for him continue: It is exigent that your excellency should at this sensitive juncture undertake to organize social and political affairs in Bandar-e Anzali, which is in a sensitive position, and to prevent disputes. Should the opponents of the movement and deviating groups create riots and chaos, you should stringently prevent this with the help of the zealous Muslim young people and crush the perpetrators, and bring their leaders to the Revolution Committee so that they may be punished. Esteemed and brave citizens of Anzali and District, support his excellency and stringently prevent exacerbations and disputes. I beg almighty God for success for all. Given on 16 February 1979.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni.

Tehran: Two Police Stations Open

LD161438 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Our correspondent Haj Hoseyni reports from Shemiran that the police stations of Tajrish and Darband were opened by the Revolution Committee this morning, in the presence of spiritual leaders, representatives of the policy department and a group of fighters. These police stations will control order in the region under the direct supervision of the Revolution Committee.

Propaganda Committee Issues Statement

LD161905 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The following statement was issued today by the Imam Khomeyni's propaganda committee:

In the name of God: In response to letters sent by a group of our sisters and brothers regarding the appointment of certain known military figures to the various parts of the armed forces, and their proposal in connection with establishment of a national guard, the imam's propaganda committee, while expressing its deep gratitude, deems it necessary to point out the following:

1. The purging of the armed organizations affiliated with the former diabolical regime is among the top priorities of the new government. It has top priority in the Revolution Committee appointed by the Imam Khomeyni. The appointments mentioned in the letters written by you sisters and brothers were realized in the early hours of victory as a provisional act, as well as in order to stop the antipopular elements affiliated with the former regime. No doubt, at the first possible opportunity, all the unreliable and mercenary cadres whose loyalty to the antipopular front has been proved shall be replaced by revolutionary and popular Muslim cadres.

It can clearly be recognized that the making of a cohesive organization of such elements [loyal to the shah] was a direct outcome of the prolonged oppression of the Pahlavi tenure, that this was necessary for the promotion of colonial and despotic culture in all corners of our society.

2. The organizations and units which maintained their antipopular and anti-Islamic stand to the last minutes of the people's struggle, and continued to support the trembling trenches of the regime, shall never be shown any leniency in the revolutionary court of the Iranian nation. Their expression of solidarity with the same people who for years tolerated their oppression shall never be taken seriously. The oppressive Egyptian pharaoh, too, repented in the last days of his life. However, this attempt, like all his past attempts, could not save him. It must be pointed out that the ignorant and deceived elements working in these organizations are not included in this; this would only apply to commanders and criminal generals whose hands are bloodstained and whose minds entertain plots.

3. To all these, we ought to briefly introduce General Qarani, the new chief of staff. He was for years isolated by the former regime and was not in favor. Since early 1964 he has spent years in the shah's prisons, charged with planning to stage a revolutionary coup d'etat.

4. The formation of an armed national guard by the Revolution Council and Engineer Bazargan's government is being studied. Once again, we extend our gratitude and greetings to you dear Muslim fighters. The propaganda committee of the Imam Khomeyni, 27 Bahman 1357 [16 February 1979].

New Navy Commander

LD161913 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1745 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Commodore Dr Madani has been appointed as commander of the provisional Islamic navy.

'Classless, Monotheistic Order' Near

LD162351 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2245 GMT 16 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Dear Mujahidin, Iran's Islamic revolution for the establishment of a classless, monotheistic order is on the threshold of victory.

However, our compatriots must not think that once the revolution has reached fruition it means that a new affluent class will be reestablished. Do you realize what affluence means? The affluent class is a class composed of those who devour but do not work, consume, but through others' toil; that is, they consume, without experiencing hardship, work, difficulty, deprivation or the difficulties involved in work and production or the reality of uncomfortable working conditions. They do not comprehend or touch these factors. Consequently, the affluent class lives and consumes without being aware of the realities of life. Thus the welfare of the affluent class--comfort and peace--is divorced from objective life, and disregards social realities in which work and production continue, where ordinary human beings live, suffer and tolerate difficulties. The goal of the Islamic revolution is the evolution of the man who is led from unawareness to complete awareness. It is therefore axiomatic that the first steps must be taken toward the total elimination of exploitation of man by man.

Abadan Radio on Generals' Execution

JN162115 Abadan International Service in Arabic 1610 GMT 16 Feb 79 JN

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Yesterday, the death sentence passed by the special Islamic court was carried out against four of those who had been the executioners during the former era of crimes. The revolutionary wrath of the heroic Iranian people has put an end to the life of this gang which was engaged in corruption and evil. Iranian society has saved itself and purged itself of this gang's presence among the people. Their execution caused new blood to flow through the veins of our revolution. This blood is an asset in facing the enemies of the revolution and will finally realize the aims of our Islamic revolution.

We ask ourselves: Are these executions only an act of revenge? Are they meant only to appease those who had lost relatives during the massacres perpetrated by the defunct regime? Has the court been only responding to a demand from the university?

During this critical stage of our revolution, we must explain this issue. The Muslim Iranians must understand this very well. From the Islamic point of view, the revolutionary wrath of society does not mean taking revenge on the enemy. The revolutionary wrath of the Islamic society must be a constructive factor. The process of purging the society of blood-thirsty elements such as Nasiri, Kosrowdad, Rahimi and Naji is carried out because we believe, according to our Muslim viewpoint, that to destroy and kill evil is part of truth, and that the purging of society of these persons means paving the way for a unified society in which classes will not exist.

These evil elements have been executed because of their corruption. We must learn what corruption is and who the corrupt are. Let us consult the Holy Koran, the real inspirer of our revolution. In Verse 205 from the Surah The Cow, we find the following: When he turns his back, his aim everywhere is to spread mischief through the earth and destroy crops and cattle. But God loveth not mischief.

This means that evil leads to the separation of man and nature. The evildoer is one who works for this separation. The person or group who through their rule, oppression, terror and all forms of exploitation, prevent the growth of nature and the progress of man, are considered evildoers. The Islamic view requires the destruction of the evildoers to liberate nature and man from captivity.

Therefore, to execute evildoers is the great mission of Muslims in order to realize the perfection of nature and society. We execute those such as Nasiri in order to break the chains and fetters which confined and restricted the weak in our society for many years. The execution of these executioners and the other necessary purges which will take place in the future are a step on the long road to economic and political justice in our society. The final aim is greater and loftier than the execution of evildoers from the military. Our aim is to execute the corrupt regime. The execution of the traitor generals is the beginning of the execution of the regime.

Our Muslim people will not be satisfied just with executing the evildoers, and will not rest until they destroy all the oppressive norms and establishments which are the inheritance from the past. This is inevitable. The Revolutionary leadership is instituting this principle, and regards the execution of the evildoers as one proof of the execution of the corrupt regime.

As is stated in the Koran, namely, fight the pillars of unbelief, we are fighting the pillars and establishments of unbelief and corruption. Our Muslim brothers will not hesitate in their action to develop the society which believes in the oneness of God and which has just economic and political bases in order to move from the stage of theory to that of practice. The party of God is the victor.

REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, ACTIVITIES OF 17 FEB

New Gendarmerie, Police Heads

LD170904 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] A Ministry of Interior spokesman announced: The interior minister has appointed Col Ezzatollah Momtaz as the commander of the all-state gendarmerie and Col Nasar Mojallali as the head of the all-state police.

Hodding Carter on Ties

LD170938 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to AFP, the United States yesterday announced it would maintain normal diplomatic relations with Iran and would recognize the provisional government of Engineer Bazargan. This decision was conveyed to the Iranian minister of foreign affairs by William Sullivan, U.S. ambassador in Tehran, who requested a meeting with the prime minister. U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, in giving this report, read a critical statement on the incorrect reports disseminated by the official Soviet information media pertaining to U.S. activities in Iran.

Tabriz Calm; Strike Ended

LD171042 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] PARS reports from Tabriz that the disturbances and lack of security which had been fomented by counterrevolutionary elements in Tabriz during the past few days have been defeated thanks to the efforts of the revolution fighters, including members of the army, the air force and other patriotic young people. PARS also reports that following the arrest of Brigadier General Afshar, head of SAVAK in eastern Azarbayjan, and the arrest of some 50 active counterrevolutionaries, calm has once again been established in Tabriz.

All government departments in eastern Azarbayjan, particularly in the city of Tabriz, began work today and all employees on strike reported to duty with a great deal of warm-heartedness, on the instruction of Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Iranian Islamic revolution. The shops and bazaar in Tabriz are taking steps as of today to resume business. In Tabriz, 14 revolution committees have been set up to study urban affairs. The city of Tabriz is under the protection of the united forces of Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Iranian Islamic revolution.

Imperial, Javidan Guard Dissolved

LD171203 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1022 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] By order of Major General Qarani, chief of the general staff of the National Army of Iran:

1. The former Imperial Guard and the Immortal Guards are to be dissolved as of today. All officers, NCO's and troops of the dissolved guards are to place themselves at the disposal of, and to introduce themselves to, the land forces. The premises and installations of these units are to be placed at the disposal of the land forces.

2. The former guards division is to be reorganized as an infantry division; the officers, NCO's and troops of the first infantry division are to attend the relevant garrisons.

3. The guards training center is to be reorganized as a service training center and will be transferred to the land force; the center's personnel are to attend the Saltanatabad Garrison.

[Signed] Major General Qarani, chief of the general staff of the army.

Two Generals Wounded

LD171146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] General Ne'matollah Mo'tamedi, commander of Qazvin's 16th Armoured Division and former military governor of Qazvin and district, was severely wounded this morning when he was shot in the head by a number of soldiers. The incident took place when the soldiers attacked the general's reviewing stand after the general had leveled insults at the NCO's and officers of the division while he was conducting the morning ceremony. General Malek, commander of Qazvin's 1st Brigade, was wounded by a knife in the incident. After this incident the soldiers and NCO's of the division immediately went into the town and told the Qazvin citizens that they had killed Generals Mo'tamedi and Malek. Upon hearing this report, a group of citizens and spiritual leaders went to the town garrison. Our correspondent's dispatch indicates that Qazvin's division and first brigade commanders were severely wounded and are being looked after and that it is probable that the area around the Qazvin garrison has been mined, making the approach to the area dangerous. In addition, the explosives inside the garrison are extremely sensitive and could explode if they were at all disturbed.

Lt Gen Moqaddam Commits Suicide

LD171118 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] PARS reports that according to available information, Lt Gen Iraj Moqaddam, deputy to General Tufanian, head of the army's weapons manufacturing department and energy minister in the Azhari cabinet, committed suicide at 0700 this morning by shooting himself. His body is now at the military industries' hospital.

Abadan Oil Strike Ends

LD171306 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to our correspondent in Abadan, following the order to end the strike as of this morning issued by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution, the brave and honorable staff of the Abadan oil refinery, who had brought the corrupt regime, which was in the service of imperialism, to its knees, returned to work with great enthusiasm and resumed their operation.

The businessmen and shopkeepers in Abadan, who joined the rest of our compatriots in refusing to work until the despotic regime collapsed and the revolution succeeded, also returned to work and reopened their shops after nearly 3 months. Thus they resumed their activities this morning and hung up portraits of the martyrs who died for justice and freedom and distributed candy and sherbet among the people.

The bank branches in Abadan also reopened today and business began in an impressive manner in the city.

Air Force Officers Retired

LD171348 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] As proposed by the staff of the Iranian National Air Force and approved by the office of the chief of general staff of the National Iranian Army, 26 air force generals and 4 colonels have been retired as of today. The names of these people are as follows:

Lt Gen Manuchehr Yazdanbakhsh
Lt Gen Akbar Kompani Tabrizi
Lt Gen Mohammad Baqer Mohammadi
Lt Gen Nader Jahanbani
Lt Gen Javad Naderi Khamsed
Lt Gen Hashem Berenjian
Lt Gen Mohammad Hoseyn Mehrmah
Lt Gen Sa'id Mahdiyun
Lt Gen Amir Kamiabipur
Maj Gen Mohammad Mehdi Ruwani-Maqaddam
Maj Gen Kiyumars Khorrami
Maj Gen (Habibollah Khaneman)
Brig Gen Jahangir Mehrbanzad
Brig Gen Rahmatollah Moshirfar
Brig Gen Javad Ash'ari
Brig Gen Yusef Hashemi
Brig Gen Farrokh Ja'fari
Brig Gen Mohammad Baqer Nuri
Brig Gen Mehdi Mir-Hoseyni
Brig Gen Ruhollah Ghangizi
Brig Gen Mohammad Mehdi Rokni
Brig Gen Amir Hoseyn Qoreyshi Niaki
Brig Gen Qasem Tehranchi
Brig Gen Nosratollah Sho'a'i
Brig Gen 'Ata'ollah Jahanbiglari
Brig Gen Ayatollah Mohaqqeqi
Air Force Technical Col Abolqasem Parviz
Air Force Technical Col Rabi' Rabi'i
Air Force Technical Col Abolqasem Sadiqi
Treasury Colonel (Parviz Karimi)

According to reports from the office of the chief of the general staff of the National Iranian Army today, Staff Armored Col 'Ata'ollah Paybordi has been appointed supervisor of Qazvin's 16th Division and Col Rasul Heshmat Dehdordi as brigade commander of Qazvin's 16th Division.

Execution of Majlis Deputy Denied

LD171436 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1307 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The newspaper KEYHAN reports today the conviction of 21 persons arrested and the execution of Salar Jaf [former Majlis deputy] and Valian [former military governor of Khorasan]. This report is strongly refuted.

[Signed] The Operational Staff of the Provisional Government of the Revolution.

Two Mashhad Officers Arrested

LD171749 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 17Feb 79 LD

[Text] The divisional commander and the former military commander of Mashhad have been arrested by the revolution's fighters and hs ded over to the Revolution Committee.

Tabriz Celebration

LD171751 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The heroic city of Tabriz today acquired a triumphant look in connection with the victory of the revolution and the people. Many people were out on the city's avenues and thoroughfares celebrating this victory.

Bam Gendarmerie Headquarters Disarmed

LD171752 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] One gendarmerie post as well as the headquarters of the Bam Gendarmerie were disarmed today by people's fighters. Two of their commanders were arrested.

More Diplomats Recalled

LD171715 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The Iranian Foreign Ministry reports that, in line with the heroic Iranian nation's genuine revolution and in order to implement fundamental changes and reforms in the Foreign Ministry, ambassadors and chief consuls in several countries have been recalled to Iran. These are: The Iranian ambassadors to Athens, Ankara, Buenos Aires, Jakarta, Oslo, Rabat, Geneva, Sofia, Copenhagen, Kuwait, the Hague, Paris, East Berlin, Brussels, Stockholm, New Delhi, Moscow, Damascus, Jiddah, Brasilia, Rome, London, and Canberra; the Iranian diplomatic missions at UNESCO and the United Nations; and chief consulates in San Francisco, New York, Johannesburg, Milan, Trabzon, Munich and West Berlin.

Former SAVAK Head Arrested

LD171806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1737 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Tehran--PARS--The Imam Khomeyni's propaganda committee told PARS tonight that Lt Gen Naser Moqaddam, the former head of SAVAK, was arrested this afternoon.

New Air Force Commander

LD172101 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to PARS, Brigadier Kiumars (Saqafi), the deputy personnel director of the Air Force Command, has been appointed commander of the air force. The following is the text of the letter of the office of the adjutant general of the General Staff Command of the National Iranian Army to this effect.

From the office of the adjutant general of the General Staff Command of the National Iranian Army to the Air Force Command: Effective 14 February, Brig Kiumars (Saqafi), the deputy personnel director of the Air Force Command, is appointed air force commander, acting in the post of major general.

[Signed] The National Iranian Army's chief of general staff, Major General Qarani.

PLO's 'Arafat Arrives

LD172004 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] At 1700 today, Mr Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO leader, accompanied by 59 people aboard a twin-engine jet and escorted by seven National Iranian Air Force jet aircraft, landed at Mehrabad Airport. Although his arrival was unexpected [as heard] nevertheless, at Mehrabad the representative of Imam Khomeyni and of the civil aviation and the Islamic Revolution Committee received Yasir 'Arafat and his companions, which included a guerrilla woman. They immediately left for the residence of the imam where they arrived at about 2030. In the imam's room, Yasir 'Arafat sat beside the imam; Arafat's companions included medical, propaganda, and news teams. The meeting lasted about 1 hour and ended at 2130.

'Arafat Arrival Statement

LD172332 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2230 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to a PARS correspondent's report, on arrival at Mehrabad airport Yasir 'Arafat said to those present:

When one comes to one's own home, one does not need permission. Today is a day of major victory for Muslims, as well as a day of victory for the oppressed people. The Iranian revolution was a major revolution and an important victory for Palestine. The leader of the PLO continued: When I approached Mehrabad Airport, I felt as if I were landing in Jerusalem. Yasir 'Arafat said: The Iranian revolution proved that Islam and the Muslims will not bow to oppression and bullying. He added: The pressure surrounding the Palestinian brothers was released with the Iranian revolution.

The Iranian revolution released the Palestinians from the barriers surrounding them. The PLO leader said: We regard Imam Khomeyni as the first leader and teacher, and henceforth bounty and benevolence will flow from the lands of the east and the breeze of liberty will start blowing until it engulfs the entire region. We have always said: The longer darkness continues the nearer gets the light of the morning.

The PARS correspondent adds that on arrival at Mehabad Airport, 'Arafat's companions, who were carrying Imam Khomeyni's picture, shouted: Today Iran, tomorrow Palestine!

Khomeyni, 'Arafat Remarks

LD180014 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2330 GMT 17 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpt] At the meeting with Yasir 'Arafat, Imam Khomeyni said in a speech: Our enemy had ample arms and forces but was lacking in the power of faith. The brave Iranian nation, however, achieved victory over these forces thanks to its firm belief and faith in God. The imam said: It should be pointed out that faith and belief in God is loftier than other force. The shah, after leaving many ruins behind in the name of a great civilization--that is, he destroyed education and training, agriculture and created great havoc--fled Iran. God willing, after we restore peace and order to Iran and repair the ruins and make up for the losses, we will turn to the issue of victory over Israel.

Yasir 'Arafat said in answer to the imam: Your responsibility is greater than mine regarding the Palestinian nation and the return of Jerusalem to Muslims and Palestinians. I only rely on the sacrifice of my own people, but the imam relies on the great force of the brave Iranian nation. Yasir 'Arafat attacked the U.S. Government and condemned that country's position on the revolution of the Iranian people. He said: The U.S. Government now has greater fear from Iran and will assist Israel more from now on.

At this point, one of 'Arafat's companions, greatly impressed by this meeting, said: The shah went, 'Arafat arrived; the Israeli Embassy was packed up and the Palestinian Embassy came into being.

PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, will have another meeting with Imam Khomeyni today, Sunday, and with Mr Bazargan, the prime minister of the Islamic revolutionary government of Iran. He will meet Dr Ebrahim Yazdi, the deputy prime minister for revolution affairs. Similarly, Mr Yasir 'Arafat will pay tribute to the martyrs of the Islamic revolution of Iran and will go to Behesht-e Zahra [Tehran cemetery] at 0800.

REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, INCIDENTS OF 18 FEB

Military, Police Officers Arrested

LD181350 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] It has been reported that Colonel Shohada'i and Lieutenant Colonel al-Mehdi, commander of the batallions, as well as some intelligence officers of Zanjan armored brigade have been arrested by the revolutionary officers of Zanjan and turned over to the Revolutionary Committee in Tehran.

Brigadier General Kamail, the chief of police, and the commander of police guard in Zanjan, who is responsible for the recent massacre in Zanjan, has been arrested in Tehran.

'Arafat Speaks at Cemetary

LD181238 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpt] According to PARS News Agency, PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, on the 2d day of his visit to Tehran, has paid homage to the martyrs of Tehran in Behest Zahra Cemetary.

The PLO leader arrived at Behesht Zahra at 1140 by car and then delivered a speech to a gathering about the solidarity of Islamic nations. Dr Yazdi, deputy prime minister for revolutionary affairs and Haj Sayyed Ahmad Khomeyni, the Imam Khomeyni's son, were present during the speech, which was delivered from the top of an ambulance. The people expressed highly enthusiastic sentiments for Yasir 'Arafat and the guerrillas accompanying him and chanted slogans.

The report says that a woman guerrila, who has lost her three sons during the guerrilla warfare and who is accompanying Yasir 'Arafat to Iran, was also present at the ceremony today. The report adds that Yasir 'Arafat was surrounded by Iranian and Palestinian guerrillas while making his speech. The PLO leader, who spoke with intense feeling about the need for Muslim solidarity, was so impressed by the sentiments that while making his speech he was choked with tears.

Azhari, Other Officers Retired

LD181131 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The general chief of staff reports that, effective today, 34 officers are to retire in accordance with the Retirement Act of 1964. They are:

Gen Abbas Qarabaghi
Gen Gholamreza Azhari [former prime minister]
Gen Rez Azimi
Gen Hasan Tufanian
Gen Hoseyn Fardus
Lt Gen Mohsen Hasheminezhad
Lt Gen Naser Moqaddam
Vice-Admiral Kamaleddin Mir-Habibollahi
Vice Admiral Assadollah (?Moslemzadeh) Peymani
Lt Gen Hasem Nadihinezhad
Lt Gen Hashem Hojjat
Lt Gen Reza Tabatabi'i Vakili
Lt Gen Musa Rahimi Larijani
Lt Gen Haser Piruzmand
Lt Gen Abdol Hasan Sa'adatmand
Lt Gen Changiz Voshmgir
Lt Gen Ja'far Khane'i
Lt Gen Mohammad Kazemi
Lt Gen Siavosh Behzadi
Lt Gen Hoseyn Jahanbani
Lt Gen Nosratollah Fardus
Lt Gen Jalal Pezhman

Lt Gen Habib Ne'mati
Lt Gen Amir Farhang Khalatbari
Lt Gen Kamaleddin [name indistinct] Tavvakoli
Lt Gen Ali Mohammad Khajehnuri
Lt Gen Reza Mahdavi Ardestani
Lt Gen Parviz Safa'i Lili
Lt Gen Mohammad Reza Vahdani
Lt Gen Reza Parvaneh
Lt Gen Mohammad Rahimi
Lt Gen Javad Mo'tazed
Air Force Lt Gen Amir Hoseyn Rabi'i
Air Force Lt Gen Mohammad 'Ali Sasani.

[Signed] Chief of Staff Maj Gen Qarani.

NIOC On Oil Production

LD181258 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The National Iranian Oil Company--NIOC--announced today that the striking employees and workers of the company in Ahvaz, Masjed Soleyman, Gachsaran and Abadan resumed their work as of yesterday.

Commenting on the export of oil and oil products, an NIOC spokesman said: The amount of oil exported will be based on government policy.

It has also been announced that the production machinery and aparatuses are ready to start up, within 10 days at the latest. After the necessary orders are issued, production can return to normal.

'Arafat Meets With Bazargan

LD181344 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to PARS News Agency, at 1530 today PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat met Prime Minister Bazargan at the latter's office. 'Arafat was accompanied by Dr Ebrahim Yazdi, deputy prime minister for revolutionary affairs, and seven Palestinian and Iranian guerillas.

Also present at the meeting were the ministers of housing and urban affairs, roads and transport and a number of other Iranian personalities.

Seven More Generals Retired

LD181830 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Following the dismissal of 34 senior army officers, 7 more senior officers have been retired. These include Lt Gen 'Abdolmajid [name indistinct], Lt Gen Rajab 'Ali Amiri, Lt Gen Hasan Naseri, Lt Gen Hoseyn Amuzegar, Lt Gen Jalal (Tabarchin), and Lt Gen Tahmures (Agahian).

No Arrests Without Orders

LD181910 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1830 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful, noble and struggling Iranian nation. With many thanks for your tireless efforts and endeavors to strengthen righteousness and to defeat what is wrong, it has been observed in recent days that various individuals and people have attacked people's homes and perhaps caused discomfort for some families.

Although many of these people deserve to be punished because of their past misdeeds, in order not to cause trouble for the families of innocent people, I deemed it necessary to tell you, my dear children, that henceforth you should not attack anyone's home without permission from the legal government and not to make any arbitrary arrests. Of course, those criminals and evil doers whose hands are stained with the blood of the people because of their aggression against the nation's rights must not escape punishment. But the punishment of offenders should not be carried out without some order from or regulation by responsible individuals. Your task is to identify criminals and introduce them to the provisional government of the Islamic revolution so that they may be arrested and tried on orders from the government. I emphasize that the foregoing is an Islamic command and no violation is allowed.

May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni, 18 February 1979.

Hoveyda Currently on Trial

LD182046 Tehran in English to Europe 2000 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In a report (?by) one of the members of the advertising group for Imam Khomeyni, in a report to PARS news agency, it was revealed that Amir 'Abbas Hoveyda, the prime minister of the Shah's regime, is being heard in the court and his hearing is still going on. Hoveyda's hearing, and others, still continues and their verdict will be heard in the very near future. An Islamic justice court executed four of the former generals 2 days ago because of their involvement in the killing of innocent people for years.

Cabinet Appointments; Oil Production

LD182120 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Engineer Mehdi Bazargan, the prime minister of the Provisional Government of Islamic Revolution, this evening sent a message addressed to the Iranian nation. The prime minister, in his third message, introduced six additional members of his cabinet. These are:

Dr Yadollah Sahabi	Minister of State for Revolution Projects
'Ali Ardalan	Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs
Dr Asadollah Mobashsheri	Minister of Justice
Engineer 'Abbas Taj	Minister of Energy
Dr 'Ali Mohammad Izadi	Minister of Agriculture
Dr Reza Sadr	Minister of Commerce

The prime minister expressed his thanks for the people's practical cooperation and support in ending the strikes, reopening the bazaars and shops, and resuming work in government agencies and organizations. He said: (?This) is what the government expected. In his message, the prime minister said: On this day Tehran and the provincial cities have put on a new face. It is like a festival--a festival in thanksgiving for the victory of the revolution and the reactivation of the wheels of life and activity.

The Prime Minister of the Provisional Islamic Government in another part of his message to the Iranian nation, spoke about the country's sources of revenue. He said: where does the money come from? It comes from taxes. Where do the taxes come from? They come from the income derived from private businesses. The people's income should be effective. [as heard] It should be income generating and saleable [as heard] so that these taxes may be paid.

A major part of these revenues comes from oil. If our oil is not exported and sold, that is, if the oil company with all its installations and organizations--and other organizations such as the customs department, railways and other organizations--if these do not resume operations, we will have no money and the revolution will be wiped out then and there.

Thus, I am happy about the resumption of activities, and, while welcoming these developments, I once again appeal to my compatriots, particularly to my colleagues. The major thrust of my remarks concern government employees and cooperation with the government.

In his message the prime minister emphasized: The government must be given the chance to to work, think and [word indistinct].

Expulsion of Israelis Ordered

LD182323 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 18 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In a statement it issued today, the Iranian Foreign Ministry announced that the government, inspired by the genuine revolution of the Iranian people, has adopted the severance of relations with Israel and support for the people of Palestine as one of the main principles of the foreign policy of the Provisional Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, in order to terminate any covert or overt or illegal relations between the former regime and Israel, 22 members of the staff of the Jewish agency, the Israeli El Al Airlines and other Israeli experts were expelled from Iran this morning. In scrupulously implementing this policy, the Provisional Government of the Islamic Revolution of Iran has also ordered all Iranian staff representing the previous regime in Israel to leave that country at the earliest opportunity and as soon as possible.

'Arafat Press Conference

JN190853 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 19 Feb 79 JN

[Text] Brother Abu 'Ammar held a press conference in Tehran last night. The conference was attended by several representatives of the local and world press as well as by representatives of local and world news agencies and television networks.

Brothers the following is a report sent this morning on the press conference held by brother Abu 'Ammar from our correspondent in Tehran. [Begin recording]

Brothers, greetings. I am talking to you from Tehran. Brother Abu 'Ammar, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces, held a press conference at the prime minister's office in Tehran today. [as heard] At his press conference, brother Abu 'Ammar said that his meetings in Tehran demonstrate the strong, strategic and noble relations binding the Palestinians with these people, this revolution and this wise leadership. Brother Abu 'Ammar said:

My presence here and my meeting with you are something that you can write about. From here, Tehran, the Tehran of His Eminence Ayatollah Khomeyni and not the Tehran of the shah--I express from Tehran and on behalf of my brother strugglers and revolutionaries our sincere thanks for this hospitality, hospitality that binds real strugglers, the possessors of the message and one cause--the cause of justice and jihad.

Then the following questions were asked:

Question: Why did you come to Tehran?

Answer: You cannot ask a person why he comes to his country and brothers.

Question: Do you consider it your homeland?

Answer: My first homeland is Palestine; Iran is my second homeland.

Question: To what degree do the Palestinians support the Iranians?

Answer: We cannot talk about this subject. The relations between the Palestinians and Iranians are not relations of interests. We consider ourselves an extension of our brother Iranians. We do not anticipate a reward from them. They have given to us and we have given to them. However, we will never match what they have given us. Our presence here demonstrates how much they have given us. This revolution has created a new era in the area.

Question: Will the embassy be called the embassy of Palestine or the PLO office?

Answer: As you have just heard, permission has been granted to open an office. Whether it is an embassy or an office or a legation, it will represent the strongest relations between two peoples that are one and two revolutions that are one.

As far as the delegate representing the Palestinian revolution is concerned, every struggler and every revolutionary in Iran represents the Palestinian revolution.

The Iranian revolution has reversed [words indistinct] in the Middle East area. The revolution calls to mind Brzezinski's statement and shows how the Iranian strugglers under Ayatollah Khomeyni have replied to Brzezinski.

Question: Are you going to unify the disputing factions in the Iranian revolution?

Answer: I met with Ayatollah Khomeyni who represents the Iranian people, the Iranian revolution and all the Iranian factions [words indistinct]. You are exaggerating matters because you are placing them under the microscope. I am talking about one fact, namely, there is one leader of this revolution and everybody is under his command. You might have read about the statements that are being issued by various factions--statements which support what I have just said.

Question: How will the success of the Iranian revolution affect the area, particularly those countries which are under monarchies?

Answer: The Iranian revolution will undoubtedly affect the entire area and all regimes. The most important thing is that this revolution threatens first and foremost the imperialist interests in the area which are defending Israel. Let us not talk about whom this revolution will threaten but about what this revolution will build. This revolution has ushered in a new era in the area.

Question: How long do you intend to stay here?

Answer: You should not have asked this question. This is because it involves security. My moves must be well planned because we are being hunted, as you know. Martyr Abu Hasan was hunted and assassinated in Beirut by the Zionists in cooperation with the CIA. However, I can tell you what I have so far done even though there are many things that we do but do not announce. For example, today there was an official session between the Palestinian delegation and the Iranian cabinet. We went with brother Dr (Yazdi) and Ahmad, son of Ayatollah Khomeyni, as well as with brother Mehdi and other brothers to the martyrs' cemetery and met with throngs of the Iranian people. I addressed these masses and we performed prayers. We had a good start yesterday. We met with throngs of people in the presence of Ayatollah Khomeyni. I also addressed these masses. We also held an important session with Ayatollah Khomeyni attended by several of his adies and the Palestinian delegation. This took place immediately upon our arrival.

Question: There are huge quantities of oil in your second homeland [words indistinct] against your enemies?

Answer: There has been a statement to the effect that not even one drop of oil will be given to Israel and South Africa. It was not I who decided this, but the Iranians.

Question: Do you expect assistance from the Iranian air force?

Answer: I have said that we are two people in one and two revolutions in one. We leave it up to the U.S' computers to analyze these words.

Question: Is there any relationship between the success of the revolution in Iran and Dayan's recent statement on the PLO?

Answer: I have doubts about Dayan's statements. However, we must recall the Israeli threats which preceded Dayan's statements. They threatened to wipe out the Palestinian camps and the Lebanese villages in southern Lebanon.

Question: The Iranian revolution has achieved success in Iran. Where do you think the next revolution will take place?

Answer: Can this be announced here? The peoples should first decide as the Iranian people and their wise leadership have decided.

Question: Is it the struggle against imperialism or is it Islam that binds you to the Iranian revolution?

Answer: The two are the same. The Islamic revolution is against oppression, dictatorship, imperialism and Zionism.

The conference was attended by over 50 representatives of local and world press and television networks [end recording].

REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, INCIDENTS OF 19 FEB

Khomeyni to Prevent Anarchy

LD190952 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0907 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Please pay attention to an extremely important message from Iran's Islamic revolutionary leader, Imam Khomeyni:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate: At this sensitive moment, when hooligans under misleading names are hatching plots against the Islamic revolution and there is the threat of the return of foreigners by these elements in order to plunder the country, it is necessary for national security forces to return to their posts immediately and cooperate with the other security forces to safeguard Tehran and its important centers.

These people, who have committed destructive counter-Islamic and inhumane acts, and who are trying to occupy sensitive positions in the name of foreigners, must bear in mind that these foreigners' strength is not greater than the satanic strength of the shah and his supporters. Should they refuse to join the nation and to act rationally, they will thus be making things clear to the brave Iranian nation and Tehran. I will not tolerate these uncultured acts. All classes, under any name, must continue their activities under the Islamic flag; otherwise, this will constitute an uprising against the revolutionary Islamic Government, The punishment for which the Islamic constitution makes quite clear.

I would like very much that all classes should behave peacefully and honestly; however, I will not allow anarchy.

19 February 1979,

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni.

Former Majlis Speaker Arrested

JN191007 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0950 GMT 19 Feb 79 JN

[Excerpt] Tehran, 19 February--It was announced here today that Dr Javad Sa'id, former Majlis speaker and member of the dissolved Regency Council, has been arrested.

The Voice of the Revolution reported that Dr Javad Sa'id will appear before the Revolution Committee at Khomeyni's headquarters.

Support For Appointees Urged

LD191145 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Officers, cadets, NCOs, employees and honorable soldiers of the National Iranian Army:

Commanders and chiefs who are appointed by the chief of the General Staff of the National Iranian Army have been screened from the viewpoints of religion, politics and morale. Consequently, it is your religious and national duty to carry out their orders.

I expect all of you to cooperate with them in resuming the activities of the National Iranian Army to defend the homeland's borders.

[Signed] Major General Qarani, chief of staff of the National Iranian Army.

Personnel To Report 24 Feb

LD191146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Here is another circular: Now, with the blessings of God almighty, Iran's Islamic revolution has reached fruition and the National Iranian Army enjoys the support of His Great Eminence the Ayatollah Khomeyni.

It is therefore appropriate that all personnel who had a role in the victory of the revolution, and who had deserted the satanic regime's army, take a step to rebuild the National Army. Therefore, all personnel, whether officiers, NCOs or soldiers in all garrisons throughout the country are expected to report to their respective barracks by Saturday, 24 February. Failure to implement this order will be considered a form of disobedience against religious and national orders.

[Signed] Major General Qarani, chief of staff of the National Iranian Army.

Navy Supports Khomeyni

LD191457 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate: All soldiers, NCOs, employees, naval technicians and National Iranian Navy officers, having assembled in a ceremony to reopen the various offices of the navy on 17 February 1979, once again expressed their profound hatred for the illegal monarchy and the Pahlavi dynasty, and while welcoming the appointment of Dr Ahmad Madani as the chief of staff of the National Iranian Navy, reiterate their support for the all-embracing Islamic movement and express it to His Great Eminence the Ayatollah Khomeyni.

[Signed] Lt Comdr Mohammad Soltani for the Select Committee of the National Iranian Navy Staff.

'Arafat Opens PLO Office

LD191228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] At 1045 this morning PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, accompanied by Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni [the ayatollah's son] and Dr Yazdi, deputy prime minister for revolutionary affairs, surrounded by a group of Palestinian guerrillas and a number of Mujahidin and Fedayeen, arrived at the former Israeli embassy in Kakh Street and opened the PLO office there.

The PLO leader delivered a speech from the embassy rooftop to the people gathered in front. Yasir 'Arafat said: [read by announcer]

In these very sensitive historic moments, I feel proud to find myself among you revolutionaries who brought the great Iranian Islamic revolution to fruition. We have come here to inaugurate the PLO office in place of the Israel embassy. This is taking place on the order of His Eminence the Ayatollah Khomeyni. Today, in Iran, and tomorrow, in Palestine, we shall all together liberate Palestine. In these sensitive moments, in the name of revolutionaries and Palestinian fighters, I pledge myself that, under the leadership of the great Imam Khomeyni, we will liberate the Palestinian homeland together. The path we have chosen is identical; we are moving forward on the same path; we are fighting the same struggle, the same revolution; our nation is one. We shall continue our struggle until final and complete victory is achieved. We have cooperated with the Iranian nation and, despite the plots by the imperialists and the Zionists, we have continued our struggle. We have always lived in the same trenches, for the same goal and the same slogan; which is: We are all Muslims; we are all Islamic revolutionaries; all fighting for the establishment of one body of Islamic believers. We will continue our struggle under the same flag--a united Islamic flag; we will continue our struggle against Zionism and move toward Palestine alongside Iranian Islamic revolutionaries.

Additional Officers Retired

LD191122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Effective February 1979, the following officers are pensioned off in accordance with the Officers Retirement Act, approved in (?October 1964):

Provisional [Movvaqat] Vice Adm Abolfath Ardalan
Lt Gen 'Abdol 'Ali Najmi Na'ini
Lt Gen Hushang Hatam
Lt Gen Khalil Bakhshi Azar
Lt Gen [name indistinct] Azarvarzi
Maj Gen Hamid Jahanbani
'Ali Akbar Dehpanah
Mohammad Hoseyn Shahid Motlaq
Maj Gen Dr 'Alireza Sabetazad
Maj Gen Mohammad (Burat)
Maj Gen Morteza Neku
Maj Gen Dr Sabet Hariri
Maj Gen Dr Hessameddin Khorni
Maj Gen Hormoz (Maqsud)
Maj Gen Hoseyn 'Ali (Ellieyeh)
Maj Gen 'Ali Bayat
Maj Gen Hamid Zavari
Maj Gen Manuchehr Fozi
Maj Gen Mirhoseyn Mir Mowjeb
Maj Gen Kazem (Mahshid)
Dr Habibollah Sana'i Kermani
Dr Mahmud Mahruyan
Dr Hoseyn Azimi
Dr Khalil Shja'i Davudabadi
Dr Hamid Vafa.

[Signed] Major General Qarani, army chief of staff.

Afghan Expulsion Urged

LD191210 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1145 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The following announcement was issued by the Imam's propaganda committee today: All the esteemed employers who have Afghan nationals working in their factories--institutions and related sections are hereby asked to settle their accounts as soon as possible so that the Afghans may be able to return to their own country after the settlement of their accounts.

This announcement also asks travel companies to extend the necessary cooperation, while charging for their expenses, in the expelling of the Afghan workers and their transfer to the borders of Afghanistan.

Arrests Of Orumiyeh Military

LD191940 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Seven officers in Orumiyeh [formerly Rezaiyeh] and the Western Azarbayjan Gendarmerie region were arrested by national forces today and handed over to the city's Islamic Revolutionary Council. Those arrested are as follows:

Kazem Bara'i, commandant of the Orumiyeh division; Brigadier General Kamangar, deputy commander of the division; Major Gharavi, deputy chief of the division's counter-intelligence department; Col Ebrahim Hushangi, commander of the armored units; Major General Sodagar, commander of the provincial gendarmerie; Colonel Khasha'i, commandant of the Qushchi garrison, and Col Karimian Azar, deputy commandant of the Qushchi garrison. At the same time, Colonel Kowsar has been appointed commander of the Orumiyeh division.

New Islamic Republican Party

LD191828 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpts] It was reported today that an Islamic Republican Party has been formed. An announcement declaring the formation of this party, 17 February 1979, says:

In the name of almighty God. Brothers and sisters: The great Iranian Islamic revolution, which the East and West looked upon with incredulity, has achieved its first victory in the midst of fire and blood. An Islamic republic--this joyful and desired aspiration of the nation, which was at the same time tantamount to a nightmare and a frightful prospect to its enemies--is on the threshold of being realized. We hereby declare the formation of an Islamic Republican Party to further the objectives which have been frequently mentioned in proclamations by the leader of the revolution, Imam Khomeyni. We invite all those who share our beliefs, our motives and these objectives to cooperate with us.

[Signed] Mohammad Javad Bahonar, Seyyed Mohammad Beheshti, Seyyed 'Ali Khameneh'i, Seyyed 'Abdol Karim Kusavi and Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

Minister Denies Kurdestan Independence

LD191856 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpts] Engineer Amir Entezam, deputy prime minister for administrative and public relations, talked about government policy in an interview with PARS correspondents and the ETTALA'AT newspaper this afternoon.

The deputy prime minister said: Another point I would like to mention concerns the rumor now circulating among the people that the lands which had been distributed in the past under the land reform act, and which are now in the hands of the people, will be taken back and returned to their original owners. This is now officially and seriously denied, because this is a mere rumor. Of course, the act might be amended in favor of the peasants in future and more properly implemented, but there is no question whatsoever of taking back the lands distributed to peasants.

He added: Another point which concerns the government, which the people are asked to observe scrupulously, concerns violation of the rights of the people who live in this land, be they foreigners or Iranians. This is related to constant attacks on people's homes, arresting people, taking their property away and perhaps, God forbid, hurting people or causing them distress. He went on: Orders have been issued repeatedly by Ayatollah Khomeyni and the government that such acts must be strictly avoided because they will disrupt the country's business, and cause intense distress to the people. More importantly, these acts run counter to our policies and our revolution's objectives, for it is intended to bring about tranquility for all people living in this country.

At this point, a PARS correspondent asked about the Kurdestan independence proclamation. Mr Entezam said: Last night we received a report that Jalal Talabani had caused troubles and had attacked a number of border posts. This morning a team headed by Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Daryush Foruhar was immediately sent to Kurdestan on a private plane to investigate the matter. The result of the investigation will be announced on their return. Entezam stressed: We do not confirm the Kurdestan independence proclamation in any way whatsoever. This is the sort of trouble that the opponents of the movement and counterrevolutionary elements are insisting on spreading throughout the country. Much of this sort of thing is mere rumor.

The deputy prime minister added: It is government policy not to allow any region or part of the country to be separated from Iran. This will be prevented with the utmost force. You are aware that from the geopolitical standpoint Iran's situation is extremely sensitive. A civil war or fragmentation of Iran is impossible. All this is part of plots to shake the revolutionary government. All this is only rumor, and none of it goes beyond proclamation of names and rumors.

In conclusion, the deputy prime minister, regarding the activity of political parties, said: This revolution has been accomplished to deliver the nation from repression and darkness, and to allow it freedom of expression and of the press. The government, therefore, does not envisage any restrictions on freedom of expression and writing. In this country anyone, regardless of ideology, is entitled to say and write whatever he thinks is in the interest of his nation. But, should any group, whatever its name or ideology, try to do anything against the nation's sovereignty and the country's peace, it will be stopped with the utmost force.

REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, ACTIVITIES OF 20 FEB

Four More Generals Executed

LD200930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0444 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to a report from the Islamic Revolution Committee of Iran, the following, who were sentenced to death, were executed at 0245 today:

Brig Gen Ne'matollah Mo'tamedi, military governor and division commander of Qazvin;

Brig Gen Manuchehr Malek, commander of the armored brigade of Qazvin;

Maj Gen Parviz Amin Afshar, the head [as heard] of the guards division;

Brig Gen Hoseyn Hamadanian, the chief of SAVAK in Kermanshah.

Officers Pensioned Off

LD201052 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0815 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The following announcement was issued today by the general staff command of the National Iranian Army: As from 20 February 1979 the 20 officers named below have been pensioned off in accordance with an article of the officers' retirement law.

Brig Gen Sa'dollah Afshahrtur;
Brig Gen Mohammad Saghuji;
Brig Gen 'Abdollah ('Asre) Jadid;
Brig Gen Hushang Filsofi Gilani;
Brig Gen Parviz Aminan;
Brig Gen Mansur Amiri Ardalan;
Brig Gen Hoseyn Farajifar;
Brig Gen Mohammad Jalali;
Brig Gen (Belis) Tukhanian;
Brig Gen Jamshid Madnia;
Brig Gen Reza Razemi;
Brig Gen [Name indistinct] (Koresyan);
Brig Gen Javad Ta'at'
Brig Gen Mohammad Hoseyn Riahi;
Brig Gen Ardeshir Shakib;
Brig Gen Hadi Qa'emi;
Brig Gen 'Ataollah Namdar Araghi;
Brig Gen Mostafa Karimix Afshar;
Brig Gen Iraj Mastarshad;
Brig Gen 'Ezzatollah Azmudeh.

[Signed] The chief of general staff of the National Iranian Army.

New NIOC Managing Director

LD201016 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Mr Mehdi Bazargan, the prime minister, at a meeting of the NIOC staff introduced Mr Hasan Nazih as the managing director and chairman of the board of directors of the NIOC to the employees of this company.

Tabriz Calm After Fighting

LD201156 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to a PARS report, heavy firing broke out in most parts of Tabriz city last night between revolutionary fighters and counterrevolutionary elements. According to a report by committeees of the revolution, a large group of these subversive and counter-revolutionary elements has been arrested. At the moment Tabriz is calm, schools are open and students have gone to their classes.

Qarani on Army's Disintegration

LD201220 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] In an interview granted to PARS and other correspondents today, Major General Qarani, chief of the general staff [CGS] of the National Iranian Army, said that it is necessary to organize the national army with sufficient conviction and aspirations. He went on: I inherited an army which in Tehran did not contain even one soldier, and which, because of treachery by some of the former military leaders, had its barracks emptied of arms and in most cases destroyed by fire. Nevertheless, even in this short period we have been able to bring back some 50 percent of the army's cadre. In some of the units outside the capital in particular, this percentage has been higher. I hope we will be able gradually to succeed in completing and [word indistinct] of the army cadre, particularly outside the capital and in border areas.

Of course, we have many problems facing us. One problem concerns the fear, insecurity and humiliation felt by the army cadre. The necessary reconciliation between the army and the people has not been achieved yet, and this very element has been the cause of our lesser success with the capital's cadre. He added: Basically, the army is not intended for maintaining domestic order: It is equipped to safeguard and protect the country's borders against foreign enemies. General Qarani said: Our main program concerns organizing a national Islamic army that can pursue the ideology of a noble government with the progressive Shi'ite principles, and for this reason we want to build an army with a national character and Islamic principles. Therefore, we need the kind of personnel who are able to fulfill this critical task and who have no bad records of past misdeeds. In pursuit of this program all the generals and lieutenant generals and a number of major generals and brigadier generals have been retired, and half of the Imperial Guard NCO's have asked to be retired. Those selected for command posts will be voted by several committees for their suitability.

Asked about objections raised by a number of warrant officer air force technicians, General Qarani said: This problem [not specified] does not apply only to these officers, for it can also be seen in other garrisons. We hope to be able to resolve this problem with moral discipline and wisdom. At any rate, with the extensive purge in the army and by removing many cases of discrimination which existed and, finally, by creating national aspirations in the army, many of the problems will be resolved. What is certain is that, with the dangers threatening us, our army should not be weak. If we had everything but not an army we would be in danger. He also stressed the need for the army's self-sufficiency, and said: we possess $60-70 billion worth of arms. We have many aircraft, including 80 F-14's, which always need spare parts which we cannot manufacture ourselves. These and many other complex technical problems exist in the army and should be resolved.

With regard to collecting the arms in the hands of the people, Major General Qarani said: Certain measures have been carried out by the imam's committees, and at the moment a temporary organization composed of revolutionary elements is being formed. Within the next day or two this organization will undertake internal order in an organized manner as a national guard.

He also referred to the presence of foreign military advisers in Iran and the corruption prevailing in Iran in the past, particularly in the upper echelon of the army, and said: Most of these have left Iran, and there are still only a few remaining in Iran for technical jobs. These, too, will go. With reference to his own part, Major General Qarani said: I have always viewed the inherited monarchic rule as the most decadent. Once, 25 years ago, and again 15 years ago, we prepared a plot to overthrow the regime with a group of friends and ulema. On both occasions our plan was uncovered, but because of insufficient evidence I was sentenced to 3 years in prison on each occasion. Of course, my past is perfectly clear. The main danger to everyone and to our independence lies in weakening the army.

Pan-Iranists Support Bazargan

LD201304 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpt] A statement issued by the Pan-Iranist Party says that the party will, with everything at its disposal, support the government of Engineer Bazargan to maintain the unity and cohesion of the Iranian nation against plots by the left or the right, and that the party backs Bazargan's measures at this crucial time, namely, the rebuilding and strengthening of the disintegrated fabric of Iranian society.

'Arafat Visits Taleqani

LD201210 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The propaganda committee of Imam Khomeyni announced today that at about 2200 yesterday Mr Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO leader, and a number of his companions, as well as Jojjatoleslam Ahmad Khomeyni [Khomeyni's son], Mr Jalaleddin Parsi and a number of religious ulema paid a surprise visit to the residence of Ayatollah Taleqani and had supper together. In the course of this meeting, Mr Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO leader, dedicated a copy of the glorious Koran to Ayatollah Taleqani.

Arrests in Khuzestan

LD201256 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] PARS, quoting the propaganda committee of Imam Khomeyni's operational staff in Ahvaz, reports that Brigadier General Hushmand, Khuzestan provincial chief of police, and Mar'ashi, governor of Behbahan in the same province, have been arrested by the committee of Imam Khomeyni's staff.

Tehran on 'International Opportunists'

LD201450 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1155 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Station commentary]

[Text] The glorious Islamic revolution of the Iranian nation, which truly originated within the community and for various political, economic, social, religious and psychological reasons gained in shape and size in such a manner that in less than a year it eliminated the foundations of a devilish regime with all its repressive and dictatorial dimensions, and at a single blow broke into pieces the network of oppression and corruption which has attracted the attention of various Eastern and Western circles with varying points of view. Some countries which have not doubted the popular character of the revolution in Iran and the aim of our country's revolution--which is only to attain genuine freedom and political and economic independence--have speedily and with conviction extended official recognition to the provisional Islamic revolutionary government of Iran. On the other hand, another group, with doubt and hesitation, adopted a conservative attitude and extended official recognition to the Iranian revolution only after studying it. In the meantime, the Iranian nation was able to make it clear to the people of the world that from the standpoint of principle, the superpowers should never ignore and disregard nations. For it is the nation that gives legitimacy to a government or retakes power from those that possess power in the country.

The basic reason for the delayed U.S. recognition of the Iranian revolutionary government was due to the previous policies of that country regarding the maintenance in power of the previous regime, which consistently ignored the Iranian nation. But after numerous warnings by various U.S. officials to that country's government, the United States eventually faced the realities in Iran and officially recognized the revolutionary government of Iran. After the victory of the Iranian revolution, the superpowers are each struggling in one way or another to exploit our revolution for their own benefit.

Imperialism and Zionism is trying to trace the Soviet footprint in the Iranian revolution and magnify it with the aid of the microscope of pessimism, unaware of the fact the Muslim people of Iran are too alert to be deceived by familiar tricks at the outset of the Srping of their victory.

On the other hand, supporters and thinkers of the East are struggling to show the Iranian revolution as anti-American as much as possible. (?These too) are unaware that the Iranian nation's Islamic revolution has adopted as its aim to eradicate imperialism and Zionism and to struggle against all forms of despotism, tyranny and subservience. The real political and economic independence which is the basic aim of the Islamic revolution of the Iranian nation should be shown to the East and the West more than ever so that international opportunists will no longer have the opportunity to exploit the people's revolution of Iran for their own interests and resort to self-interested propaganda stemming from various interpretations that their experts attribute to the Iranian revolution within the framework of their own interests and which are consistently detached from reality.

Students Resume Studies

LD201852 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] With a message from Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the Iranian islamic revolution, today millions of students throughout the country attended classes after 5 months of closure.

Fars Appointment; Yazd Arrests

LD202036 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Fars province's revolution coordination committee has appointed Lt Col Sharifoddin Dastpey as provisional commander of the gendarmerie. Maj Gen Amir Hoseyni, former commander of the gendarmerie in Fars province, has been recalled to Tehran. According to information from Yazd province, Col Mohammad Ali Ghaffari, commander of the battalion gendarmerie, and several police officers and men who had a hand in the recent massacres in Yazd province have been arrested by the struggling law enforcement members of the Yazd committee.

Orumiyeh Jailings

LD201934 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] According to PARS, the following resolutions were taken today by the Orumiyeh Islamic revolution council; The counterintelligence sections of the 64th division of the police and gendarmerie in Orumiyeh, who did not have a place in the course of Iran's Islamic revolution, have been dissolved. Henceforth no one has the right to take steps to arrest anyone without official written authorization from the council. In accordance with these resolutions a number of people have been arrested and jailed for their counter-revolutionary activities.

Denial of Barracks' Fall

LD202301 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The supervisor of Orumiyeh's 64th division, in a communique, today denied the rumor on the fall of Mahabad barracks to counterrevolutionary elements. The communique said:

The Mahabad barracks are in the hands of the revolution fighters and are being safeguarded by the garrison troops and the mujahidin of Iran's Islamic revolution, and the honorable population of western Azarbayjan should not be worried about this matter.

Personnel Summoned to Barracks

LD201850 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The following communique was issued today by the office of the chief of the general staff of the National Iranian Army:

In the name of the Almighty: All personnel of units attached to the support staff of region 3 of the capital are hereby informed to come to the headquarters of the support staff in the former Bagh-e Shah Barracks at 0730 on Saturday, 24 February, for an explanation of the plans for the reconstruction of the relevant units.

Khomeyni Receives Zoroastrians

LD202056 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The representatives of the Zoroastrian associations presented themselves at the residence of Ayatollah Khomeyni at 1000 on Sunday, 18 February 1979, and congratulated the imam on the victory of the revolution. Imam Khomeyni viewed with favor the Zoroastrians' sympathy and willingness to serve and that of other religious minorities, and said that they should continue their services toward constructing a free and developed Iran.

Khomeyni Warns Against Marchers

LD202144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Through a representative, Imam Khomeyni has sent the following message to the supervisor of the National Iranian Radio and Television organization:

It has recently been noticed that certain groups, under various deceptive names and by issuing deceptive statements calling for liberation and fraternity--which are an integral part of the principles of Islam and will constitute the foundation of the program of the government and of the Islamic republic--have begun fomenting discord, holding meetings and giving out invitations to marches. Among these is the call for a march on Thursday, 22 February, in which my house is given as the destination of the march. From now until noon on the day after tomorrow, the following two points must be brought to the attention of the public in the radio and television newscasts:

1. These organizers are not Muslim people and are in conflict with the religion of Islam. The broad classes of the people should not cooperate with them even though they may be carrying pictures of me and of other religious leaders. No attention should be paid to them and it is up to the Muslim people to refrain from cooperating with them.

2. It has also been said that this group has anti-Islamic tendencies. They intend to come to my house. I will not allow these opportunists to enter my house.

Further Warning

LD202146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Imam Khomeyni's publicity office this afternoon announced that the march called for Thursday, 22 February, will be held by communists, and that participation by Muslim sisters and brothers is not permissible. The imam will not receive these individuals; they themselves have graciously said that the nation should now set about reconstructing the country, and that no strikes should take place either.

'Arafat Arrives in Mashhad

LD202244 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Excerpt] Yasir 'Arafat, leader of the PLO, arrived at Mashhad Airport in a special aircraft at 1700 today. Our correspondent's report indicates that on this unscheduled visit Yasir 'Arafat is being accompanied by a number of his companions.

On arrival in Masshad, Yasir 'Arafat and his companions were welcomed by a group of ulemas, spiritual leaders and Mashhad fighters. They then went to the headquarters of the iman'scommittee for talks.

Foreign Ministry Circular

LD202300 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today issued a circular to Iranian diplomatic representations abroad. The circular reads:

Since the Iranian people's auspicious revolution came to fruition under the leadership of His Great Excellency the Ayatollah Khomeyni, now that the provisional government of the Islamic revolution of Iran has been set up, and, inspired by the revolution of the crusading Iranian people, attention is being given to realizing national aspirations. Therefore, no actions construed as a threat to or occupation of diplomatic representations can henceforth be deemed justifiable and reasonable. Taking into consideration the instructions of the leadership of the revolution pertaining to the resumption of work and the solution of problems in the realm; in view of the fact that all of Iran's diplomatic representations abroad should commence work at the earliest opportunity in order to serve the people; and reminding all Iranians in the area from where you received this information and guidance, we ask you to take the necessary precautions in order to prevent the occupation of the representation offices, to safeguard documents and papers and to secure the appropriate conditions.

Aqa Jari Oil Workers Support Bazargan

LD201820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1700 GMT 20 Feb 79 LD

[Text] A telegram addressed to Mr Mehdi Bazargan, prime minister of the provisional government of the Islamic revolution, from the oil industry employees in Aqa Jari runs as follows:

Your Excellency Eng Mehdi Bazargan, prime minister of the provisional government of the Islamic revolution: In view of your excellency's radio and television speech on 19 February in connection with the government's pressing need for oil revenues we wish to draw your excellency's attention to the following points:

1. Oil production in the Aqa Jari region will begin without any problems as soon as the government's order is issued;

2. In view of our acquaintance with the employees in other oil regions, we are confident that they, too, will begin production the moment the government's instruction is issued;

3. The rumors disseminated by irresponsible groups and individuals pertaining to effective penetration by various elements in the oilfields are baseless. Among these rumors is a quotation from Schlesinger carried by the newspapers;

4. The oil industry employees in Aqa Jari are completely behind the leadership of the revolution.

[Signed] Tag oil industry employees of Aqa Jari and the elected council of the revolution committee for the Aqa Jari region.

Islamic Discipline Stations in Shiraz

D0210530 [Editorial Report D0] Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian at 1450 GMT on 20 February Interrupts its regular relay of Tehran Domestic Service to make a public service announcement which includes the phone numbers of local government offices. After listing a short series of local numbers the radio says: "And you can reach the Works Corps of the Islamic Revolution [Setad-e 'Amaliyat-e Enqelab-e Eslami] on the series of numbers beginning with 39001 and ending with 39004."

At 1510 GMT the Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian again interrupts its relay of the Tehran Domestic Service to broadcast the following message: "The respected people of Shiraz are hereby informed that, in order to maintain order and discipline in the city of Shiraz, Islamic Discipline Stations [Pasgahha-ye Entezami-ye Eslami] have been established in police stations 2, 3, 6 and 7. These are supervised by responsible local persons [Mohtamadin-e Mahal] and the strugglers [mujahiddin] of the ground and air forces. The people of all sectors can come to these stations [pasgahha] for the settlement of any type of problem.

"In addition, other stations will be set up in the rest of the police stations and gendarmerie posts tomorrow, Wednesday, and the appropriate information will be provided.

"[signed] The Fars cooperation committee".

'Arafat Press Conference

JN201142 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 20 Feb 79 JN

[Unidentified Correspondent's Dispatch--Recorded]

[Text] Brothers, greetings. I am talking to you from Tehran. Brother Abu 'Ammar, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces, held a press conference at the Iranian Foreign Ministry at noon yesterday.

Abu 'Ammar said that what binds us together is a committed revolutionary position on this righteous mission--the mission of jihad and of faith. I have before me a picture of the struggler who was killed in 1953 when he and my brother struggler Sanjabi were taken away by force during the conspiracy against our first revolution in the Middle East--the revolution of Dr Mossadeg. They took Dr Hoseyn (Fatimi) away. By killing him they wanted to wipe out the revolution and the freedom and faith he represented. Human beings would not have been killed in Palestine or rights squandered there if the revolution of the Iranian people had triumphed at that time. For this reason the imperialists, Zionists and colonialists realize the meaning of the people's victory and what the Iranian revolution represents. They realize what this means and they realize the strategic effects not only on this area where Iran is situated and on the entire Middle East, but also on the political developments to the east and west of this area. Therefore, when this blessed revolution triumphed, I said it constituted a blessed torch held by His Eminence Ayatollah Khomeyni. I said this is a torch that will light the entire area.

Immediately after I said this, I heard Begin's reply. He said that the dark ages had begun for Israel. Dayan said that what had happened in Iran was an earthquake which would affect the entire area. I want to say that this is something important, but I cannot understand how this can be the dark ages. This revolution is on the side of the Palestinians and believes that there is a difference between being a Zionist bound to imperialism and a Jew who believes in God. This is what we in our revolution and you in your revolution believe. Based on this we have called for the establishment of a democratic state in Palestine where Muslims, Christians and Jews can coexist in equality, justice and brotherhood. This is important, and you must understand it.

I say this to you, my brother struggler, here at the Foreign Ministry from where you will deal with the entire world: You will have to make the world understand the meaning of the Palestinian revolution and its mission. You will have to explain that the Palestinian revolution has multifaceted objectives based on humane principles--principles of justice, faith and equality--and that the Palestinian revolution is against imperialism, Zionism, colonialism, oppression and subservience, and for humanity. It believes that human beings should live in freedom and dignity and have sovereignty over their soil. We say that Palestine is the cradle of religions; we also say that it should be the cradle of peace built on civilization and justice--justice which does not distinguish between one person and another. Palestine should be a place where we all can live in brotherhood, equality, justice and understanding, and in a spirit of revolutionary comradeship and revolutionary justice.

After this U.S. imperialist agent in the area collapsed, I was surprised when the Israeli military clique began to call for the protection of U.S. interests in the area. Zionism wants Jews to be the bodyguards of these imperialist interests. However, I say in the name of liberal Jews, one of whom is currently in jail in Israel, that these liberal Jews do not want to be the protectors of imperialism or Zionism in the area. Therefore, I say that the conspiracy against Mossadeq was aimed at making Iran and the Iranian people the protectors of imperialism's greed and of its colonization of our peoples and land. This era has ended and a new one has begun. This is the era of the revolutionary and faithful peoples which began on 11 February when the blessed popular revolution in Iran triumphed under Khomeyni. I say that a new era has begun in every sense of the word. One of the most important examples is our cooperation. When I was unable to meet with Al-Hamshari in Paris, my brother Sanjabi visited him on my behalf, on behalf of the Palestinian revolution, and on behalf of all the honest and free peoples in the world.

Yes, the new era has begun. I am here with you, brother struggler, and I am with the association of strugglers at the Foreign Ministry. Today can be considered a historic day for our area which is building a new era different from all others. It is an era of honest and free men, and of noble and free human beings who are living in dignity.

I tell you that I am with you, with all the free men and with any struggling movement in this world, not just in the Middle East but throughout the world. I am experiencing their sufferings and triumphs because we are living in an era of the people's triumph against imperialism and Zionism. We are living together with honest and free men and revolutionaries. The Palestinian revolution has offered thousands of martyrs. An example of this is that we and the Lebanese strugglers have offered 27,000 martyrs and 70,000 wounded. We have 23,000 detainees, including 1,000 women, in Israeli jails. However, despite all this we promise you one thing: that we will not hate, because revolutionaries do not hate. We promise to work with this revolution, with all its humane and civilized content, in order to build this new era together--an era which dawned on us in this area with the launching of your revolution under Ayatollah Khomeyni.

Brother revolutionary Dr Sanjabi, this pure blood which was spilled by our great revolutionary Hoseyn (Fatimi) will not be wasted. The pure blood of the thousands of Iranians will also not go to waste. We will proceed, two revolutions in one and two people in one, to build the era of freedom and revolution and of revolutionary civilization. Together we will proceed toward victory.

When comes the help of God and victory, and thou dost see the people enter God's religion in crowds, celebrate the praises of thy Lord, and pray for his forgiveness; for He is oft-returning. [Koranic verse]

After this Abu 'Ammar thanked the government, the Foreign Ministry and Ayatollah Khomeyni. He said: In the name of Khomeyni, we opened the PLO office today. Together we raised the Palestinian flag over the PLO office today.

Brother Abu 'Ammar then announced the appointment of brother Hani Al-Hasan as director of the PLO office and representative of the Palestinian revolution.

'Arafat Addresses Islamic Ambassadors

JN201019 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 20 Feb 79 JN

[Text] Brother Abu 'Ammar met with the ambassadors of the Arab and Islamic countries at the Iranian Foreign Ministry yesterday afternoon. The meeting was attended by Iranian Foreign Minister Karim Sanjabi, Sheykh Dr Muhammad 'Ali (Hadi), and members of the delegation accompanying brother Abu 'Ammar.

The brother commander in chief spoke to the ambassadors and said: I believe that the Islamic nation is indeed witnessing a great feast with the triumph of this blessed Iranian revolution. For a long time colonialism was able to separate this nation and divide it--sometimes according to sectarian bases and other times according to geographic bases. Thus colonialism was able to maintain its interests and monopolies in the area. Imperialism, Zionism and colonialism were able to remove the Arab world from the Islamic world when they planted Israel in our country of Palestine. They were also able to remove the Islamic world from Africa, and paved the way for the infiltration of colonialism there.

Therefore, I believe that with the Iranian revolution led by Ayatollah Khomeyni and its heroes--one of whom, Dr Sanjabi, is sitting near me--this era has come to an end for good, and that a new dawn and era will brighten our Islamic and Arab nation. I say that we are experiencing a great feat. Immediately following the declaration of the revolution, Begin's response was quick. He said that the dark ages had begun for Israel. Dayan, speaking on the same subject, said that an earthquake had occurred and that it would affect Israel.

Abu 'Ammar added that colonialism wants to keep its influence and monopolies in the area so it can take oil and sell commodities. Colonialism does not want to give technology or science. They wanted Iran to be a wedge between the Arab and Islamic worlds and Africa. The eruption of the revolution under His Eminence Ayatollah Khomeyni means that a new era has begun. It is great for me to meet with you here in Iran with this revolutionary. I repeat: Here in Iran, because my presence in Iran is in itself a revolution. I am not a guest in Iran but a partner in this revolution and a brother and a struggler. That is why I said that the Palestinian and Iranian revolutions are two revolutions in one and two peoples in one.

After this Karim Sanjabi said: We are hosting today our great guest, brother Abu 'Ammar, with whom we wanted to meet a long time ago. He is not just our guest, but your guest as well. He is the guest of all Islamic peoples and Islamic countries with whom we all have common interests, common problems and activities, and common obligations. Therefore, we should unite to settle our problems and those of our Islamic nation. We have the responsibility of saving the Islamic world from all its problems, fighting oppression, building a free world, and making the people happy.

This is Islam's message: To build an Islamic and humane society.

As a representative of the Iranian Government, I greet brother Abu 'Ammar, PLO Executive Committee chairman and leader of the Palestinian revolution. I am confident that you join me in this greeting. I would like to conclude my speech with the Koranic verse: "Help from God and a speedy victory."

REPORTAGE ON EVENTS, INCIDENTS OF 21 FEB

Carter's Atlanta Speech Acknowledged

LD211006 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Jimmy Carter, the American president, said in Georgia yesterday that any form of direct or indirect intervention in Iran will have grave consequences. He added: the United States respects the independence of Iran and is ready to cooperate with the present Iranian Government. On Asia, Carter said that the United States is concerned at the expansion of conflict between China and Vietnam, but that it will not intervene in the disputes between the Asian communist countries, for our national interests have not been directly endangered.

The American president added in reference to the Middle East: events in Iran show that the United States still has an important role to play between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and that a tripartite meeting between the leaders of Egypt, Israel and the United States seems necessary before the signing of the peace agreement, provided that the parties involved show flexibility.

The United States announced that this country will temporarily close its consular offices in the three cities of Tabriz, Shiraz and Esfahan, but the embassy office in Tehran will remain open. Hodding Carter, the spokesman of the U.S. State Department who announced this, said the reason for the closure of these offices is because of the dangerous situation in the country.

AFP reports from Washington: Hodding Carter, the U.S. State Department spokesman announced on Tuesday: The former Iranian shah may come to the United States should he wish to do so. He added that the official position of Washington regarding the shah has not changed and pointed out that no mutual extradition agreement has been signed between America and Iran. The Iranian Government has recently asked Moroccan authorities for the shah's extradition so that he can be put on trial in Tehran for the crimes he has committed. Although the Moroccan authorities have not given any answer to this request, it is nevertheless being said that they are not inclined to let the shah's stay in Rabat be extended.

16 Generals, Brigadiers Retired

LD211123 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0701 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Announcement by the Chief of the General Staff (CGS) of the National Iranian Army]

[Text] In the name of the almighty: Effective 20 February, 16 officers have been retired in accordance with Article No. 1 of the Officers' Retirement Law approved on 8 October 1965. They are as follows:

1. Maj Gen Moharram Golmohammadi Qombani
2. Maj Gen 'Abdol Hoseyn (Minusepehr)
3. Maj Gen Amir Bahman Baqeri
4. Maj Gen Buyut Daftari
5. Brig Gen Changiz Bayat Makui
6. Brig Gen Mehdi Amir Hosamoddin Mir-Tolo'i
7. Brig Gen Sadeq Oskuian
8. Brig Gen 'Ali Azadegan
9. Brig Gen Habibollah Mo'ini-Zand
10. Brig Gen Hormonz Ghaffari
11. Brig Gen Parviz Vakili
12. Brig Gen Jalal Tabatabi
13. Brig Gen Manuchehr Hekmatmanesh
14. Brig Gen Buyut Khatib Shahidi
15. Brig Gen 'Aziz Salahi and
16. Brig Gen Malek Mohammad Ostad-e (Pirolgheyr).

[Signed] The CGS of the National Iranian Islamic Army.

Shooting in Tabriz

LD211130 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The PARS news agency has reported that following the shooting from the homes of a group of counterrevolutionary individuals in various parts of Tabriz in the past few nights, shooting from several homes in several parts of Tabriz was repeated again last night. But, thanks to the alertness of the fighting revolutionary forces, several subservient agents of the previous corrupt regime were arrested by the revolutionary fighters and handed over to the Imam Khomeyni's Central Committee in Tabriz. The 14 revolution committees have carried out extensive measures to secure the welfare and peace of the citizens of Tabriz, as well as to maintain security. A considerable quantity of arms has also been retrieved from the people. According to PARS news agency, at the moment Tabriz is perfectly peaceful.

U.S. Consulate Fire Denied

LD211136 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Newspaper reports of a fire at the American consulate in Tabriz have been denied by the Islamic Revolution Committee in Tabriz. According to the Tabriz fire brigade, smoke from the boiler room of the consulate's central heating facilities had given rise to the rumor and the incident has had nothing to do with outside action whatsoever.

Guardian Corps To Be Established

LD211258 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] Amir Entezam, deputy prime minister and head of the Prime Ministry Administrative Office, in a press, radio and television interview today, announced that in accordance with the government's decision, a guardian of the revolution corps will be formed and that the regulations concerning the formation of this corps have already been prepared. He noted that with the formation of this corps a national guard will also be formed. He stressed also that the people should pay their water, electricity and telephone bills as soon as possible, as this is a national duty.

Sanjabi Receives Foreign Envoys

LD211150 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] 'Abd al-'Aziz 'Abd Al-Ghani, deputy [as heard] prime minister of the Yemen Arab Republic, held talks with Dr Karim Sanjabi, Iran's foreign minister, this morning. The Iranian foreign minister also held talks with the ambassadors of Sweden, Portugal, the GDR and Czechoslovakia and the charg d'affaires of the Algerian Embassy in Tehran about relations between the above-mentioned countries in Iran.

National Front Cancels Demonstration

LD211228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Feb 79 LD

[Text] The following statement was issued today by the National Front Office of Publicity and Instruction:

In the name of God: In pursuance of the command by the great leader of the revolution, His Great Eminence Ayatollah Khomeyni, in these critical days when the country needs planning, unity, cohesion and unity of purpose, and in order to prevent any form of division, split and unilateral action, the Iranian National Front announces that it has no plan for demonstrations whatsoever, and should there be any statements calling on the compatriots for gatherings and demonstrations, they have nothing to do with the Iranian National Front.

It should be pointed out that the holding of any gatherings and lectures must emanate from the Office of Publicity and Instructions, which is under the supervision of the Iranian National Front spokesman, to have organizational validity.

AFGHANISTAN

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXTENDS CONDOLENCE TO U.S. EMBASSY

BK161452 Kabul in English to South Asia 1400 GMT 16 Feb 79 BK

[Text] The Information Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that (Shah Mohammad Dost), political deputy foreign minister, went to the American Embassy at 12 noon today and on behalf of the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented a wreath of flowers on the occasion of the tragic assassination of His Excellency Adolf Dubs, the late U.S. ambassador in Kabul. The charge d'affaires of the United States Embassy in Kabul was present on the occasion.

The political deputy foreign minister, in expressing the deep condolences and sympathies of the staff of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] on the tragic incident, added: His Excellency Dubs was a very nice person and an able diplomat who had a great interest in strengthening the relations between Afghanistan and the United States and we are sorry that his excellency is no longer with us today.

The political deputy minister said: Undoubtedly all friends of the late ambassador have been grieved by his death, but our grief is more than that of others because unfortunately the incident took place in Kabul. (Shah Mohammad Dost) wished patience and toleration for Mrs Dubs and other relatives of the late ambassador.

Mr (G. Hamston), the Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Kabul in the [words indistinct] the DRA Foreign Ministry and expressed his gratitude to this effect. The deputy chief and some members of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were also present on the occasion.

KABUL COMMENTARY CONDEMNS ACTS OF TERRORISTS

BK161629 Kabul in English to South Asia 1400 GMT 16 Feb 79 BK

[Text] The criminal acts of enemies of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] in regard to the assassination of His Excellency Adolph Dubs, the late United States ambassador to Kabul, has been strongly and earnestly condemned by the (?Khalq) regime of the DRA and the people of this country. It has been a terroristic act, and terrorism is always rejected as an evil by the peaceloving DRA and its people.

The enemies of the DRA, upon seeing the eye-catching developments in this country, became jealous of [words indistinct] progress and developments, and due to the fact they are looking forward to creating difficulties and problems for us. Our respected listeners and the objective-minded people of the world are aware that the DRA as a (?Khalq) state constantly takes steps for the welfare and prosperity of the people by meeting people's wants. As these wants and desires are met and as the general populace of this country is still convinced that their (?Khalq) regime is devoting untiring efforts toward the well-being of the people, the downtrodden (?of this nation), it would bring about the jealousy of the enemies of the people of this country. And this is why they are (?seeking ways) desperately to create all sorts of difficulties for our people's regime.

The DRA, as a peaceloving and nonalined country, has been against terrorism and violation of human rights and human dignity. It has been on the basis of this amicable policy that our great leader Nur Mohammad Taraki, secretary general of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the president of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister, upon hearing the lamentable incident of the assassination of His Excellency Adolph Dubs, issued the condolence telegram to His Excellency Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America, and expressed his profound regrets over this incident.

The criminals and the enemies of the people of the DRA by committing such an inhumane and criminal act (?think they will) disturb or damage the ties between the two friendly nations--the DRA and the United States of America. The people and governments of Afghanistan and America are fully aware of the acts of their enemies. They know that such provocative acts will not undermine the friendly relations between the two friendly nations. Thus, this act of the enemies of the people of the world is regarded as nothing but stupidity and narrow-mindedness and a criminal act against the good relations of the two friendly nations.

This act has not only been condemned by the people of this country but also regarded as a treacherous act by all the people of the world. This savage and inhumane act is totally rejected and condemned by our (?Khalqi)government and our noble people, and we are extending a curse upon those who have committed such cruel act and furthermore, we are extending a curse upon those who are supporting and initiating such action.

Any elements who commit such an act and create problems for the people's regime of the DRA are the real enemies of the people and the (?Khalqi)government of the DRA and are strongly condemned and rejected by our downtrodden.

KABUL REPORTS TRANSFER OF DUBS' BODY TO UNITED STATES

BK171447 Kabul in English to South Asia 1400 GMT 17 Feb 79 BK

[Text] The coffin of the late Adolph Dubs, the ambassador of the United States of America, was transferred from Kabul to his country by plane this morning. Those present at the [word indistinct] in the Kabul International Airport included Bareq Shafi'i, the minister of information and culture; the deputy ministers for political affairs and administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the chief of [word indistinct] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the president of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other officials of the ministry; ambassadors of friendly countries residing in Kabul and members of the Embassy of the United States.

Bareq Shafi'i, the minister of information and culture, prior to the transportation of the coffin, expressed the sorrow of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan on the death of the late Dubs to [name indistinct], the personal representative of the American President, who had arrived [words indistinct].

REPLY REJECTS U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT PROTEST

LD192129 Kabul in English to Europe 1900 GMT 19 Feb 79 LD

[Text] It is reported that the reply to the protest submitted by the Department of State of the United States of America [words indistinct] to the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan was dispatched to the Afghan Embassy in Washington today for transmitting to that country's Department of State. The reply message has referred to the reasons stated in the protest as unjustified and therefore the protest has been considered irrelevant and has thus been rejected.

SECURITY CHIEF DENIES RUSSIAN ADVISERS PRESENT AT HOTEL

LD191243 London THE FINANCIAL TIMES in English 19 Feb 79 p 2 LD

[David Housego dispatch: "Head of Afghan Security Denies Soviet Involvement"]

[Text] Kabul--The head of Afghanistan's security forces, Commandant General Daud Taroon, denied in an interview here that Russian advisers were present at the hotel where Mr Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador was held hostage by terrorists last week before being killed.

The acting U.S. secretary of state, Mr Warren Christopher,has since protested in the strongest terms to the Soviet ambassador in Moscow about the role of Russian advisers in the hours before Mr Dubs's death. American officials here say that four Russian officials were at the Kabul hotel where Mr Dubs was taken by kidnappers on Wednesday. They named one of them as Mr Sergey Bakhturin, the chief of security at the Russian Embassy, while the other three are said to have been advisers to the Afghan police force.

General Taroon, as head of security,had overall command of government forces last Wednesday. But he was not available then to American Embassy staff who wanted to prevent Afghan troops from storming the hotel.

In answer to a question about the U.S. protest he said that no Russian advisers were present on Wednesday. "This was our own operation and we made our own decisions." Pressed further on the point which threatens to sour further U.S.-Soviet relations he repeated his denial and spoke out strongly against foreign reports of the influence of Russians in Afghanistan.

American officials apparently took no pictures of the Russians they say were present. Contrary to reports from Washington, it is also said here that the Russian advisers agreed on Wednesday with American pleas for patience with the terrorists in order to draw them into negotiations.

General Taroon expressed confidence that the government was fully in command of internal security in Afghanistan but said it was impossible to predict terrorist incidents like the one against the American ambassador. Foreign embassies had been advised accordingly. He denied that the kidnapping of Mr Dubs was part of a wide-spread insurgency.

He expressed deep regrets for the death or Mr Dubs. President Nur Mohammad Taraki wrote a personal letter to Mrs Dubs in what, in part, would seem to be an attempt to restore Afghan-U.S. relations.

General Taroon answered questions on the incident after an American colleague and myself had been taken to him when police detained us on Saturday while inquiring into our visas. One of the most powerful men in the present communist regime, he is a tough but often humorous former air force major probably in his forties who speaks some English.